

# DIOCESAN NEWS

## RIT to host Leadership Days

"Valuing Diversity: The Inclusive Church" is the theme for the diocesan Leadership Days 2001, Aug. 8, at the Rochester Institute of Technology. The day's events, which are open to anyone interested, will consist of prayer, visiting speakers and a series of workshops.

Leadership Days 2001 will feature two keynote speakers. Mary Jane Owen, MSW, will present "Accessibility, Inclusivity, and Justice: Ministry with and for Persons with Disabilities." She is executive director of the National Catholic Office for Persons with Disabilities, in Washington, D.C., and author of the document "Can People with Disabilities Claim to be Members of a Distinct Culture?"

Ron Cruz, executive director of the Secretariat for Hispanic Affairs of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, will present "The Growing Presence of Hispanics in the United States: How can the Church be Most Welcoming and Inclusive of our Hispanic Brothers and Sisters?" He is co-author of "Encuentro

2000: Many Faces in God's House", a guide for multicultural communities.

Workshops will be offered in 15 areas of interest including evangelization and catechesis, Catholic Charities and development. People may choose workshops on such topics as "Authentically Black, Truly Catholic," a presentation on the history of African-American Catholicism and spirituality, and "Effective Parish Pastoral Councils: Principles & Guidelines." Among other workshops offered are "Christian Muslim Dialogue: A Ministerial Focus," "Inclusive Language In The Liturgy Revisited," "Celebrating Our Diversity: The Many Faces of Hispanic Culture," "How To Promote Vocations at Your Parish/Faith Community" and "Justice For Farmworkers."

Registration deadline is Aug. 3. Forms can be found in the What's New section of the diocesan Web site at [www.dor.org](http://www.dor.org). For details, call Yvonne Moss at 716-328-3210 or 800-388-7177, ext. 342 or 328.

-Jeanne Kidera



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## Honoring St. Anne

Angelina Frasca (left front), Sabrina Frasca (right front), Christina Morganti (left back) and Maggie Morganti (right back) carry a statue of St. Anne during the procession honoring St. Anne outside Most Precious Blood Church, Rochester, July 22. The first festival parade was held July 26, 1939, and was initiated by Savino and Jennie Calice. Jennie had prayed to St. Anne for her husband, threatened by a terminal illness, and he lived a long life into his 80s.

## Obituary

### Gamaniel Beltran, at 71; ministered to Rochester's sick and poor

Gamaniel Beltran, who performed several ministries for sick and impoverished people in the Rochester area, died July 3, 2001, at his Rochester home after a bout with cancer. He was 71.

Mr. Beltran was a native of Peru and spent 14 years in religious life with the Congregation of Marist Brothers. After leaving the order he married his wife, Nancy, in 1965.

Mr. Beltran moved his family to the United States in the early 1980s. In 1986 he and his wife became pastoral ministers at

Rochester's Corpus Christi Parish where they served until the early 1990s. Mr. Beltran later worked for the State University of New York's Migrant Education Program, retiring in 2000.

In the late 1980s, Mr. Beltran founded a program called LUCES, which stands for Luchemos Unidos Contra El Sida (Fighting Together Against AIDS). The nonprofit ministry provides spiritual support for people with terminal illnesses and has several dozen volunteers.

According to his son, Frank, Mr. Beltran

"was a very religious man and always had a call for helping his fellow man ... He was just a really simple man who happened to be involved in the most complex things you can possibly imagine. He kept away from politics and corruption; he did things through his faith."

Mr. Beltran's funeral Mass took place July 6 at Rochester's Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, where he belonged for the last 10 years. Interment was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Mr. Beltran will also be memorialized as part of OLPH's regularly

scheduled 6:30 p.m. Spanish Mass Aug. 11.

Mr. Beltran was predeceased by his wife; his son Manuel; and his grandson, Nicky Tramontana. He is survived by his son Frank; daughters Angelica (Tim) Tramontana and Marie Beltran; daughter-in-law, Jackie Beltran; grandchildren Timmy Tramontana and Manny, Brianna and Alex Beltran; and many family members in Peru.

Donations in Mr. Beltran's memory may be made to LUCES Corp., 173 Willow Ave., Rochester, NY 14609.

-Mike Latona



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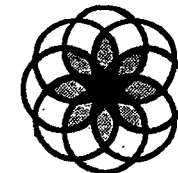
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